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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND DRAWINGS

Sir:

In accordance with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office procedures, enclosed are duplicate informal drawings of Figures 1-6 of the above-identified application, with proposed amendments shown in red ink. Applicants respectfully request approval to amend the drawings, as follows:

FIGURE 1:

Please delete the cross-hatching associated with reference numerals 4-6 and replace it with new cross-hatching as indicated in red ink.

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FIGURE 2:

Please delete the cross-hatching associated with reference numerals 4-6 and 11 and replace it with new cross-hatching as indicated in red ink.

FIGURE 3:

Please delete the cross-hatching associated with reference numerals 4-6 and 11 and replace it with new cross-hatching as indicated in red ink.

FIGURE 4:

Please delete reference numeral "110" and its associated lead lines, and please change reference numeral "109" to read --99--, as indicated.

FIGURE 5:

Please amend reference numerals "105" and "109" to read --108-- and --121--, respectively, as indicated.

FIGURE 6:

Please label Figure 6 as --PRIOR ART--, and please delete the cross-hatching associated with reference numerals 54, 55, and 58 and replace it with new cross-hatching as indicated in red ink.

REMARKS

Applicants seek to amend Figures 1-6 of the drawings in response to the objections to the drawings raised in the Office Action mailed August 23, 1996. No new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration hereof and authorization to make the requested changes earnestly are solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 347-8100.

All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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